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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 24, 2003 and thus due for response on October 24, 2003, please consider the following remarks and amendments for purposes of allowance, or alternatively, to narrow the issues on appeal. Applicants concurrently file herewith the following documents:

Change of Attorney/Agent

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Fees

No fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant response. However, should this be in error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account no. 18-1982 for any underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and remarks in the file history of the instant Application. The Claims as amended are believed to be in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and withdrawal of all of the outstanding rejections is therefore believed in order. Early and favorable action on the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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